Election Observer Panel Plan

County Contact and System Information
<u>Registrar of Voters:</u> Mary A. Roper (760)878-0224
Vendor & Voting Systems: Sequoia Insight Optical Scan & Edge Insight

Purpose
The Election Observer Panel is invited to observe all procedures of the election process, including Logic and Accuracy testing, vote by mail ballot processing, election clerk training, Election day activities, Election night counting, and canvassing procedures.

Invitation
Between E-60 and E-30, letters of invitation will be sent to the following:

- County Grand Jury
- Representatives from County Central Committees
- All Media
- League of Women Voters
- Any interested member of the public

Duties, General Rules of Conduct
<u>Observers may:</u>
- Observe the proceedings as the polls, including the opening and closing procedures
- Obtain information from the precinct Index that is posted near the entrance
- Make note and watch all procedures
- View all activities at the central counting site on Election Day
- View the canvass of the vote activities following the election.
- View Vote by Mail and provisional ballot processing
- Ask questions of staff or voters at the polls
- Ask questions of staff at the central counting site.

<u>Observers are responsible for:</u>
- Checking in at each site, whether polling place or central counting site.
- Wearing an identification badge
- Maintaining a professional manner while observing the election process

- Ensuring they do not interfere with the elections process

Observers may not:
- Interfere in any way with the conduct of the election
- Touch any voting materials or equipment or sit at the official worktables
- Converse with voters (within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place) regarding the casting of a vote, or speak to a voter regarding his or her qualifications to vote
- Display any election material or wear campaign badges, buttons or apparel
- Wear the uniform of a peace officer, a private guard, or security personnel
- Talk to central counting site workers while they are processing ballots
- Use the telephones, computers or other polling place facilities at polling places or the central counting site
- Touch election personnel
- Assist in operations at any polling place.

Polling Places Within Inyo County
Presidential Primary Election 2/05/2008

Bishop

Location: Home Economics Building, Fairgrounds, Bishop
Precincts: C-102, C-103, C-104, C-106, C-107, C-108, C-109, C-110, C-111

Location: Paiute Professional Building, Tu Su Lane, Bishop
Precincts: C-112

Big Pine

Location: Big Pine Town Hall, Dewey Street, Big Pine
Precincts: C-114, C-115

Independence

Location: Basement Courtroom, Independence
Precincts: C-117

Lone Pine

Location: Lone Pine Town Hall, Statham Town Hall, Lone Pine
Precincts: C-118, C-119

All ballots within Inyo County are tallied at the central counting place located in the Election Department, Inyo County Court House, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence. The designated vote by mail ballots and permanent vote by mail voter ballots will be tallied beginning the morning of February 5, 2008 and will continue until finished. All other precinct ballots will be tallied beginning at 8:00 P.M. February 5, 2008 and will continue until finished.

The Election Department is open from 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00pm Monday through Friday (excluding County Holidays). Our telephone number is 760-878-0224.

Election Observer Panel
February 5, 2008
Presidential Primary

<u>**Comments/Suggestions/Observations:**</u>

Date: January 20, 2008

To: Precinct Inspectors/Election Technicians

From: Mary A. Roper, Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters

Subject: Election Observer Panel

This letter introduces **Matt Messih**, whom I have appointed to the Election
Observer Panel for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election.
Members of the Election Observer Panel are invited to observe activities
related to the administration of an election, including visiting polling places.

No person, including a member of the Election Observer Panel, may
interfere with the operation of polling places. **Matt Messih** and other
members of the Election Observer Panel may ask you to explain certain
operations and procedures. Please extend every courtesy to **Matt Messih**.

If you have any questions, please call me at 760-878-0224.

Thank you for your cooperation and your service to our county's voters.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Roper
Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters

By:_____
    Deputy

Date: January 20, 2008

Matt Messih
3561 Ranch View Rd
Bishop, CA 93514

Dear Mr. Messih,

Thank you for interest in the Election Observer Panel. Enclosed please find a copy of the Election Observer Panel Plan for Inyo County, a Certificate of Appointment, a Letter of Introduction and nametag. Please complete the Certificate of Appointment and return it to our office as soon as possible in the enclosed envelope. The Letter of Introduction should be carried with you when observing election activities. Also you must wear the nametag provided when observing election activities to identify yourself as a member of the Election Observer Panel. A comment sheet is including in your Election Observer Panel Plan for you convenience. Please call me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kammi Foote,
Assistant Clerk/Recorder/Registrar of Voters